GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CONTROL OF BLINDNESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated any fresh action plan for the control of blindness in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have been identified by the Union Government where this programme needs to be taken up on war footing;

(d) whether the Government have received any proposals from State Governments for financial assistance to control blindness or setting up of Regional Institute of Opthalmology in their respective States;

(e) if so, financial assistance provided so far during the last three years and this year, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Plan of Action for implementing National Programme for Control of Blindness during XthPlan has been prepared and being submitted for approval of EFC/CCEA It has been prepared in accordance with outlines of Global Vision 2020: The Right to Sight initiative launched by WHO and numerous countries. The Plan includes controlling blindness due to cataract, glaucoma, diabetes and refractive errors. Special focus will be on prevention and control of blindness in children.

(c) National Programme for Control of Blindness is being implemented throughout the country. Special attention is required in Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Orissa where eye care services are not fully developed and performance is low.

(d) Physical targets and budget allocation are made in accordance with requirements of the States. No proposal has been received from State Governments for setting up new Regional Institute of Ophthalmology.

(e) & (f) Funds released during last 3 years and budget allocated during current financial year 2002-03 is given at Annexure I.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS Released during IXth Plan

STATES	Release (1999-2000)	Release (2000-2001)	Release (2001-2002)	Total Release for 2000-2003	Allocation
North Eastern States					
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	31.50	28.65	75.15	19.00
Assam	81.50	182.90	57.50	321.90	105.70
Manipur	9.00	41.60	36.15	86.75	24.00
Meghalaya	21.00	60.10	66.00	147.10	24.00
Mizoram	26.50	55.40	25.30	107.20	29.00
Nagaland	14.00	40.58	47.15	101.73	24.00
Sikkim	15.25	26.60	5.60	47.45	13.00
Tripura	35.39	68.80	372.20	476.39	45.65
Sub Total	217.64	507.48	638.55	1363.67	284.35
Other States					

Bihar	154.58	329.92	86.00	570.50	260.00
Punjab	199.61	117.60	55.20	372.41	135.00
Goa	14.50	41.20	18.70	74.40	30.00
Gujarat	404.50	384.00	142.04	930.54	215.00
Haryana	169.27	178.00	102.00	449.27	119.05
Himachal Pradesh	86.25	131.00	37.00	254.25	83.00
Jammu & Kashmir	40.75	106.50	80.80	228.05	83.00
Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	15.30	15.30	160.00
Karnataka	352.20	290.20	259.20	901.60	273.00
Kerala	263.39	270.50	124.50	658.39	160.00
West Bengal	194.10	275.00	123.40	592.50	210.00
Sub Total	1879.15	2123.92	1044.14	5047.21	1728.05
UTs					
A & Nicobar	10.67	3.75	8.10	22.52	8.00
Chandigarh	11.44	11.00	8.00	30.44	8.00
D & N Haveli	2.50	3.75	5.80	12.05	8.00
Daman & Diu	9.40	4.75	4.50	18.65	8.00
Lakshadeep	5.72	3.75	4.60	14.07	8.00
Pondicherry	20.82	14.50	5.75	41.07	13.00
Delhi	42.40	38.13	13.00	93.53	42.00
Sub Total	102.95	79.63	49.75	232.33	95.00
World Bank Project States					
Andhra Pradesh	434.40	521.00	835.80	1791.20	615.00
Madhya Pradesh	880.81	806.13	498.00	2184.94	405.00
Maharashtra	664.88	581.00	836.00	2081.88	365.00
Orissa	420.25	1107.00	300.00	1872.25	310.00
Rajasthan	314.18	856.00	912.00	2082.18	291.00
Tamil Nadu	1009.82	857.00	1742.25	3609.07	815.00
Uttar Pradesh	839.32	603.00	2098.23	3540.55	415.00
Chhatisgarh	-	-	127.00	127.00	160.00
Sub-Total	4563.66	5331.13	7449.28	17344.07	3606.00
Grand Total	6763.40	8042.16	9181.72	23987.28	5713.40